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U.S. PULSE

IMPORTS DECLINE

U.S. pulse imports have declined from nearly 100,000 metric tons (2,200,000 bags) annually, 25 years ago, to only 7,500 tons currently. Many of these small imports are in specialty kinds of pulses. For example, the bulk of the bean imports from Peru and Thailand are mung beans. Imports from Malagasy are large lima beans, and dry pea imports from the Dominican Republic undoubtedly are pigeon peas used for feeding purposes.

These specialty pulses constitute the largest of U.S. import shipments. Common beans and peas are imported from many sources, but usually in small quantities and in years of relative U.S. pulse scarcity and high prices. Limited imports of garbanzos continue, principally from Mexico and Portugal, but imports of lentils have almost ceased.

A relatively complete statistical history of U.S. imports of major kinds of pulse -- beans, peas, lentils, and garbanzos -- is shown in the following tables.

History of U.S. imports of dry beans, peas, lentils, and garbanzos

Year <u>1</u> /	Beans	Peas	Lentils	Garbanzos
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
1920	55,339	--	--	--
1921	32,659	--	--	--
1922	26,309	--	--	--
1923	67,132	--	--	--
1924	46,267	--	--	--
1925	39,917	--	--	--
1926	45,813	--	--	--
1927	50,803	--	--	--
1928	81,647	14,062	--	--
1929	66,225	18,597	--	--
1930	57,153	6,804	--	--
1931	21,773	9,072	--	--
1932	8,165	9,526	--	--
1933	9,072	11,340	--	--
1934	11,340	<u>2</u> / 7,711	--	--
1935	15,967	3,130	<u>3</u> / 4,264	<u>4</u> / 5,035
1936	8,981	953	4,355	5,080
1937	24,902	1,179	3,992	5,262
1938	3,765	1,225	4,037	3,493
1939	2,767	499	2,676	3,765
1940	2,994	635	4,672	3,402
1941	5,851	1,315	5,216	5,715
1942	2,404	1,270	4,173	10,024
1943	4,990	2,858	1,996	49,896
1944	1,497	590	3,084	29,847
1945	11,521	953	4,355	3,946
1946	8,845	1,406	1,860	136
1947	10,206	544	2,994	3,674
1948	8,210	816	2,449	3,765
1949	12,292	1,270	3,583	4,309
1950	9,571	907	3,357	6,396
1951	2,631	998	1,225	3,402
1952	6,668	2,087	2,404	3,719
1953	7,121	1,633	3,130	5,352
1954	5,942	998	1,950	3,311
1955-56	5,914	5,861	1,943	4,431
1956-57	4,469	1,628	632	2,082
1957-58	6,635	1,636	900	3,944
1958-59	3,451	2,113	1,551	3,978
1959-60	3,995	1,106	216	3,440
1960-61	5,353	1,109	152	2,785
1961-62	2,910	1,212	72	3,349

1/ Calendar year through 1954, marketing year beginning with 1955-56. 2/ Crop year previous to 1934. 3/ Included with peas prior to 1935. 4/ Included with beans prior to 1935.

DRY BEANS: United States imports, 1955-59 average, 1960-61
and 1961-62 marketing years

Country of origin	Average	Marketing years	
	1955-59	1960-61	1961-62
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:			
Canada	460	82	69
Cuba	6	3	4
Dominican Republic	41	1	--
Mexico	39	11	20
Total	546	97	93
South America:			
Argentina	98	255	--
Chile	1,803	443	87
Peru	860	160	455
Uruguay	--	50	--
Total	2,761	908	542
Europe:			
Azores	124	89	102
Belgium	8	152	220
Bulgaria	168	--	--
Czechoslovakia	9	--	--
France	1	2	38
Germany, West	12	--	--
Greece	5	3	3
Italy	417	714	146
Netherlands	119	51	43
Portugal	112	132	255
Turkey	1	2	--
United Kingdom	1	2	1
Total	977	1,147	808
Asia:			
Angola	--	20	2
Iran	6	--	--
Iraq	66	--	--
Japan	94	106	152
Korea	--	--	6
Lebanon	4	8	9
Syria	--	2	1
Thailand	190	22	943
Others	10	--	3
Total	370	158	1,116
Africa:			
British East Africa	34	57	149
Ethiopia	187	--	1
Malagasy	--	2,949	85
Morocco	3	9	--
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ...	--	3	3
South Africa, Republic ...	--	25	--
Others	6	--	2
Total	230	3,043	240
Oceania:			
Australia	9	--	--
New Zealand	--	--	111
Total	9	--	111
Grand total	4,893	5,353	2,910

DRY PEAS: United States imports, 1955-59 average, 1960-61
and 1961-62 marketing years

Country of origin	Average	Marketing years	
	1955-59	1960-61	1961-62
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:			
Canada	212	312	107
Cuba	18	--	--
Dominican Republic	556	373	395
Mexico	103	--	--
Total	889	685	502
South America:			
Argentina	56	--	--
Peru	120	64	129
Total	176	64	129
Europe:			
Belgium	210	--	--
Denmark	17	15	19
Hungary	1	--	5
Netherlands	646	13	15
Portugal	35	30	--
Sweden	29	1	--
Switzerland	1	--	42
United Kingdom	44	2	22
Total	983	61	103
Asia:			
India	--	1	2
Japan	1	--	--
Total	1	1	2
Africa:			
British East Africa	--	60	94
Morocco	3	--	--
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ...	19	112	67
South Africa, Republic ...	--	7	--
Others	--	1	1
Total	22	180	162
Oceania:			
Australia	13	--	--
New Zealand	385	118	314
Total	398	118	314
Grand total	2,469	1,109	1,212

LENTILS: United States imports, 1955-59 average, 1960-61
and 1961-62 marketing years

Country of origin	Average	Marketing years	
	1955-59	1960-61	1961-62
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:			
Canada	1	--	--
Mexico	10	--	--
Total	11	--	--
South America:			
Argentina	73	--	--
Chile	792	--	--
Peru	8	--	--
Total	873	--	--
Europe:			
France	1	--	--
Greece	12	--	--
Italy	14	25	36
Portugal	--	10	--
Spain	59	81	10
Turkey	3	5	--
United Kingdom	17	29	15
Total	106	150	61
Other countries:			
Algeria	39	--	--
Ethiopia	--	--	2
India	1	--	--
Lebanon	19	2	3
Syria	1	--	6
Total	60	2	11
Grand total	1,050	152	72

GARBANZOS: United States imports, 1955-59 average, 1960-61
and 1961-62 marketing years

Country of origin	Average	Marketing years	
	1955-59	1960-61	1961-62
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:			
Cuba	41	--	--
Dominican Republic	--	--	10
Mexico	1,405	951	1,139
Total	1,446	951	1,149
South America:			
Chile	17	11	80
Peru	--	--	86
Total	17	11	166
Europe:			
Greece	25	--	--
Italy	109	30	--
Portugal	1,367	1,089	1,575
Spain	2	10	--
Turkey	--	--	5
United Kingdom	--	--	2
Total	1,503	1,129	1,582
Other countries:			
Algeria	5	--	--
Morocco	589	693	440
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	--	--	14
Syria	14	--	--
Others	1	1	--
Total	609	694	454
Grand total	3,575	2,785	3,351

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